



# ARSON WATCH

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## How You Can Help

An arson has occurred in our community. The Seattle Fire Department and Seattle Police Department are actively investigating the crime. Please report any information you believe may be related to arson on the **ARSON ALARM HOTLINE at 1-800-55-ARSON**. A reward may be provided for information resulting in an arson conviction. Persons providing information may remain anonymous. If you see any suspicious activity taking place, please call 911 immediately.

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Arson is a crime that can happen at any time, any day of the year. Individuals can make a difference in protecting their home or business. The Seattle Fire Department urges you to take the following steps.

## Steps You Can Take

### OUTSIDE

- Lock doors and windows of your home and garage.
- Clear carport areas of anything that could fuel a fire.
- Clean up wastepaper, long grass, weeds, litter, or anything that can burn from around buildings.
- Do not allow dumpsters to become overfilled. Arrange for additional dumpsters or take refuse to transfer stations, if required.
- Locate commercial dumpsters and recycling bins at least five feet away from combustible walls and openings of roof eave lines. Use only metal or metal-lined receptacles.
- Place locks on commercial dumpsters, if possible.
- Trim shrubbery away from doors and windows to improve visibility.
- Leave your indoor and outdoor lighting on during hours of darkness. Consider installing devices that automatically turn on outdoor lights when they sense darkness or movement outside the home.

### INSIDE

- Test your smoke detectors once a month to make sure they will work in a fire.
- Plan and practice a home fire drill. Make a map showing two exits from every room.
- Obtain an escape ladder for bedrooms located on the second floor. Make sure windows and screens can be opened easily from the inside if needed for escape.

### For Fire Safety Information

Public Education Office

206-386-1337

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